

## The Honorable Shelley C. Chapman

I am writing this letter in concern of the bankruptcy filing of Patriot Coal.

I began my employment at Federal #2 mine and worked at that same mine for forty years. During this time there were different owners of the mine, eventually and at the time of my retirement it was owned by Patriot Coal.

I retired on Feb. 15th, 2010. On Feb. 10th 2011 I had a heart attack, as a result on Feb. 14th 2011 I had triple bypass surgery. In Oct. 2011 my wife had breast cancer surgery.

My wife has been self-employed for forty years so we have not had any other health care available to us. She has been the owner-operator of a small beauty salon in our very small home town. She also has other health issues.

We have both worked very long and hard during our careers, preparing for our retirement and old

age, always with the promise that we would have health care. The promise that has been made to all coal miners.

I hope that you will take into consideration the medical needs and the perscription drug expenses we would have to assume. It would more than likely bankrupt us after working so hard and for so long.

I also have black lung from my forty years of service.

Please, consider the impact this would have on ALL our lives, as we are just one of thousands in this situation.

Thank You,

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